

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment responds to the office action dated January 3, 2006.

The Examiner objected to claims 34-36 and 45-48 for specified informalities. Claim 45 has been canceled. Claims 34-36 and 46-48 have been amended to eliminate the Examiner's objections.

The Examiner rejected claims 33-38, 40-48, and 50-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,590,585 (hereinafter Suzuki). The Examiner rejected dependent claims 39 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Suzuki with Peairs et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,085,205 (hereinafter Peairs). Suzuki discloses a video browser having an interface depicted as a calendar month with thumbnail images representative of associated video segments shown in the individual days of the calendar. Suzuki discloses that the calendar month may be incremented to either the preceding or next month. Suzuki does not disclose incrementing the displayed calendar range by any number of days less than a month.

Each of independent claims 33 and 43, as amended, includes the limitation of "a browsing portion enabling a user to selectively increment said range alternatively either by a month or a portion of a month." The applicant notes that this amended claim language, by including the phrase "alternatively either" specifies that the claimed browser portion enable the displayed range to be incremented, at the option of the user, by a month where that increment is selected by a user, *and* by a portion of a month where that increment is selected by the user. Suzuki fails to disclose the latter option, i.e. the cited reference does not enable the choice of incrementing the displayed range by a portion of a month, instead requiring the user to increment the displayed range by one or more whole months. Therefore, each of independent claims 33 and 43, along with their dependent claims 34-42, 44, and 46-52 are each patentably distinguished over Suzuki (claims 33-38 and 40-48) and the combination of Suzuki with Peairs (claims 39 and 49).

The applicant further notes that dependent claims 35 and 46, as amended, each recite the limitation of "said browsing portion permits said user to adjust the size of said

range by a number of days equal to or greater than a week." As noted by the Examiner, Suzuki merely discloses incrementing the displayed month, which would range in days between 28 (February) and 31 (January, March, May, etc.). Thus, at most, Suzuki discloses adjusting the size of the displayed range by up to three days. Accordingly, each of dependent claims 35 and 46, as well as their dependent claims 36 and 47, respectively, patentably distinguish over the cited prior art for additional reasons than those presented with respect to independent claims 33 and 43.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 33-44 and 46-52. .


This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time, together with the requisite fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

Respectfully submitted,

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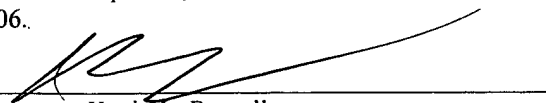
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